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020431.0663

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Brian M. Kennedy, et al.

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING ATP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility continuation patent application entitled "System and Method for Managing ATP" by Brian M. Kennedy and Christopher D. Burchett, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the application as follows:

Page 1, line, between "This application is a" and "continuation-in-part," insert:
--continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/802,434, filed February 18, 1997, by Brian M. Kennedy and Christopher D. Burchett and entitled "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ALLOCATING MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS TO SELLERS," which is a--.